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1. LEBANON: GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES MOVED INTO THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF ZAHLAH ON THURSDAY AND HALTED THE SPORADIC ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT BEGAN LAST WEEKEND.

UNREST IN THE PREDOMINANTLY CHRISTIAN CITY AND IN A NEIGHBORING MUSLIM TOWN GREW OUT OF SHOOTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING PATROLS OF THE RIGHT-WING CHRISTIAN PHALANGES PARTY MILITIA AND UNIDENTIFIED LEBANESE, SYRIAN, AND PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS. SEVERAL PERSONS HAVE BEEN INJURED IN THE VIOLENCE, WHICH INCLUDED BOMBING ATTACKS IN THE CITY CENTER AND NUMEROUS EXCHANGES OF SMALL-ARMS FIRE.Y

AUTHORITIES ARRESTED SOME TROUBLEMAKERS EARLY IN THE WEEK, BUT THIS LED TO CALLS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE, DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE LOCAL GOVERNOR'S HOUSE, AND THE ERECTION OF BARRICADES IN SOME AREAS OF THE CITY.Y

THE TWO-MONTH-OLD GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER
RASHID KARAMI HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN USING GOVERNMENT
SECURITY FORCES TO PREVENT SIMILAR BUT LESS SERIOUS

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OUTBREAKS OF FIGHTING FROM GROWING INTO WIDER CLASHES
BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES, THE PARTY MILITIAS, THE
RADICAL FEDAYEEN, AND LEBANESE LEFTISTS. THE SECURITY
SERVICES THIS TIME WILL BE MELPED BY THE FACT THAT THE
FIGHTING THAT HAS OCCASIONALLY ERUPTED IN BEIRUT AND OTHER
PORT CITIES, WHERE THE LEFTISTS AND FEDAYEEN ARE BETTER
REPRESENTED AND MORE HEAVILY ARMED, HAS BEEN LIMITED.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM BEIRUT LAST NIGHT, PALESTINIAN
GUERRILLAS PROTESTING THE ALLEGED DEATH OF A GUERRILLA IN THE
ZAHLAH FIGHTING INTERRUPTED TRAFFIC ON THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE
CAPITAL AND THE AIRPORT.Y

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRAGILE TRUCE
BETWEEN LEBANON'S CONTENDING FACTIONS COULD BREAK DOWN
WITH THE SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION AND THAT WIDESPREAD
FIGHTING COULD ERUPT AGAIN. (CONFIDENTIAL)+

2. BAHRAIN: THE EMIR ISSUED A DECREE ON TUESDAY
DISSOLVING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. AN ACCOMPANYING ORDER
SUSPENDING AN ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION THAT CALLS FOR
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NEW ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF DISSOLUTION SUGGESTS

THE RULING FAMILY INTENDS TO DO WITHOUT A LEGISLATURE INDEFINITELY.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF OPPOSITION TO THE EMIR'S

ACTION. (CONFIDENTIALLY)

3. RHODESIA: PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH IS PRIMARILY RE-SPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE EARLIER THIS WEEK OF SETTLEMENT TALKS WITH BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERS.4

IN WHAT WAS A LONGER INITIAL SESSION THAN MANY OBSERVERS AND SMITH HIMSELF HAD PREDICTED, THE BLACK LEADERS APPARENTLY MADE AN IMPORTANT CONCESSION TO SMITH TO KEEP THE TALKS GOING-ALTHOUGH THE NATIONALISTS HAVE LONG MAINTAINED THEY WOULD NOT HOLD DISCUSSIONS INSIDE RHODESIA, THEY REVERSED THEMSELVES AND AGREED TO MEET IN COMMITTEES THERE.4

SMITH, PROBABLY TAKEN BACK BY THIS UNEXPECTED CONCESSION, REFUSED A LONG-STANDING NATIONALIST DEMAND THAT HE GUARANTEE SAFETY FROM ARREST FOR TWO KEY NATIONALIST LEADERS TO RETURN TO RHODESIA FOR THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS. AT THIS POINT, THE MEETING BROKE OFF.4

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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, WHOSE HEAVY PRESSURE
ON SMITH WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEETING AT VICTORIA FALLS
THIS WEEK, HAS NOT INDICATED HIS REACTION TO SMITH'S ADAMANT
STAND. PRETORIA CAN STILL EXERT HEAVY ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON
RHODESIA IF VORSTER DECIDES TO PRESS SMITH FURTHER. 4CONFIDENTIALLY

NAMIBIA: A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA), OPENS IN WINDHOEK, THE TERRITORIAL CAPITAL, ON SEPTEMBER 1. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. Y

THAT THE DELEGATES, REPRESENTING MOST OF THE TERRITORY'S

LE ETHNIC GROUPS, ARE FREE TO CHOOSE ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

FOR NAMIBIA—EVEN INDEPENDENCE FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY

AS A UNIFIED STATE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE, HOWEVER,

MAKE ALMOST INEVITABLE THE EMERGENCE OF A LOOSE FEDERAL

SYSTEM THAT WOULD MAINTAIN WHITE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY'S

MAJOR MINERAL RESOURCES.4

THE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN DATE:
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INDIRECTLY BY LEGISLATIVE OR ADVISORY BODIES FORMED FOR EVERY ETHNIC GROUP. A FEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS FOR NON-WHITE GROUPS HAVE BEEN POPULARLY ELECTED, BUT EVEN THE ELECTED BODIES ARE DOMINATED BY OLD-LINE TRIBAL CHIEFS WHO USUALLY HAVE GONE ALONG WITH SOUTH AFRICAN TUTELAGE.

THE SOUTH AFRICANS SAY THAT ALL ETHNIC GROUPS IN

NAMIBIA ARE TO HAVE EQUAL STANDING IN THE CONFERENCE,

ALTHOUGH THE GROUPS VARY WIDELY IN NUMBERS AND CAPABILITIES

FOR AUTONOMOUS EXISTENCE. SOME 90,000 WHITES COMPRISE ONLY

L2 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, YET THE SECTOR OF THE TERRITORY

THAT IS RESERVED FOR WHITES INCLUDES MUCH OF THE SETTER

GRAZING LANDS AS WELL AS THE RICH DIAMOND AND COPPER

MINES THAT CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN

ECONOMY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OVAMBO TRIBE MAKES UP

ALMOST HALF OF THE POPULATION, BUT OVAMBOLAND, SITUATED

ALONG THE ANGOLAN BORDER, HAS INADEQUATE RESOURCES. OVAMBOS

PROVIDE MOST OF THE UNSKILLED LABOR FOR THE MINES.Y

PRETORIA AFPARENTLY REASONS THAT FEAR OF OVAMBO

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DOMINATION WILL MOTIVATE DELEGATES FROM THE SMALLER TRIBES

TO BACK THE WHITES IN VOTING FOR A FEDERAL SYSTEM THAT

WILL PERPETUATE THE PRESENT ETHNIC HOMELANDS. ALTHOUGH

THE OVAMBOS THEORETICALLY MIGHT CONTROL A POPULARLY ELECTED

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE TRIBAL LEADERS WHO WILL GO TO THE

CONFERENCE ACTUALLY WANT MAXIMUM AUTONOMY FOR OVAMBOLAND.Y

A FEDERATION MIGHT INVOLVE NO MORE THAN COSMETIC CHANGES
IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS
LONG INCURRED BROAD INTERNATIONAL CENSURE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF
THE "PETTY APARTHEID" RULES THAT PRETORIA HAS APPLIED IN
THE WHITE SECTOR OF NAMIBIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN LIFTED,
VORSTER HAS NOT PROPOSED TO ABANDON THE BASIC DISCRIMINATORY
MEASURES THAT HAVE KEPT NON-WHITES FROM ADVANCING IN THE
TERRITORY'S MODERN INDUSTRIES.

INSIDE NAMIBIA, THE MOST ARTICULATE OPPOSITION TO
SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT HAS COME FROM THE SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN
PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, UHICH WANTS NAMIBIA TO HAVE A UNIFIED,
POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH ITS MEMBERSHIP IS

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PREDOMINANTLY OVAMBOR THE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION IS THE ONLY NAMIBIAN NATIONALIST GROUP THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UN OR THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. ITS FOREIGN-BASED GUERRILLAS HAVE-SELDOM PENETRATED HAMIBIAN TERRITORY - BUT ITS YOUTH WING ORGANIZED A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE BOYCOTT OF OVAMBO LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN 1973—THE FIRST POPULAR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NAMIBIA. TO OFFSET THE FIASCORY SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATORS HELD A NEW ELECTION IN OVAMBOLAND LAST JANUARY AND ACHIEVED A 55-PERCENT TURNOUT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.Y

VORSTER MAY HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE OUTCOME OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE
UN. HIS PRIMARY INTENTION IS TO SHOW THAT THERE IS NO SERIOUS
NAMIBIAN OPPOSITION TO SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. IF VORSTER'S
CASE IS TO GAIN CREDENCE. THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE
MUST BE PUBLICIZED AND ANY DRAFT CONSTITUTION MUST EVENTUALLY
BE SUBMITTED TO A FREELY CONDUCTED REFERENDUM. MEANWHILE.
THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND TRIBAL AUTHORITIES MUST REFRAIN FROM
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DURING THE OVAMBO ELECTIONS. 4

VORSTER'S STRATEGY HAS ALREADY BEEN THREATENED BY THE AZZAZZINATIÓN OF THE OVAMBO PRIME MINISTER ON AUGUST LL. ALTHOUGH THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSIN IS UNKNOWN. THE DEED HAS BEEN APPLAUDED BY SEVERAL EXILED LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, AND THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE HERERO ETHNIC GROUP CLAIMS THAT AGENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION ARE PLOTTING HIS DEATH. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE REINFORCED THEIR SECURITY FORCES IN NAMIBIA AND ARRESTED SOME MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S ORANIZATION, BUT THEY HAVE NOT CLAMPED DOWN ON THE WHOLE GROUP. ECONFIDENTIALBY

5. NIGERIA: BRIGADIER OBASANJO, THE NEW ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE NUMBER-THO MAN IN GOVERNMENT, RECENTLY HELD HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE. HE USED THE OCCASION TO OUTLINE HIS VIEWS ON HOW THE NEW REGIME INTENDS TO HANDLE THE DOMESTIC SITUATION. WE RESPONDED TO A QUESTION ON THE MILITARY'S ATTITUDE ON RETURNING NIGERIA TO CIVILIAN RULE BY DATE: ORIG: UNIT: EXT:

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STRONGLY IMPLYING THAT HEAD OF STATE BRIGADIER MUHAMMED WILL ADDRESS THE SUBJECT IN HIS NEXT MAJOR SPEECH.

THE DAY BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE, CHIEF OBAFEMI
AWOLOGO--NIGERIA'S BEST KNOWN CIVILIAN POLITICIAN--ISSUED A
LENGTHY STATEMENT CALLING FOR A RETURN TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT
BY EARLY 1977 AND FOR LIFTING--BY OCTOBER--THE BAN ON POLITICAL
ACTIVITIES THAT HAS BEEN IN FORCE FOR NINE YEARS. SINCE THE
COUP, THE PRESS, STUDENT GROUPS, AND EXPOLITICIANS HAVE BEEN
CLAMORING FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO SET A FIRM SCHEDULE FOR
RETURNING NIGERIA TO CIVILIAN RULE. (CONFIDENTIAL) E-2 IMPDET. H

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J. PORTUGAL: PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALVARO CUNHAL MADE A DRAMATIC APPEAL THURSDAY NIGHT FOR A SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POLITICAL LEADERS FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO AVERT CIVIL WAR.4

CUMHAL'S APPEAL WAS MADE AT A HASTILY ASSEMBLED MIDNIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS A REAL DANGER THAT A RIGHTIST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FORMED. THAT THERE WAS A GROWING FEELING IN THE COUNTRY THAT A RECOURSE TO FORCE WAS INEVITABLE. AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID THE WORST WAS TO FIND A COMMON POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS IMMEDIATELY.

ET ANNOUNCED HIS PARTY WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT

COSTA GOMES; MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT GONCALVES GOVERNMENT; THE

MILITARY'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE ANTI-COMMUNIST.

ANTUNES GROUP; RIVAL FACTIONS IN THE MILITARY; REPRESENTATIVES

OF PARTIES ALLIED TO THE COMMUNISTS; AND, THE COMMUNISTS! ARCHREVAL;

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF MARIO SOARES. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT COMMAL

IS CONCERNED ABOUT GONCALVES! STAYING POWER AS PRINE MINISTER;

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BUT HE MAY ALSO BE MANEUVERING TO AVOID THE ONUS FOR AN ARMED SHOULD ONE OCCUR.

THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING SIGNS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT

COSTA GOMES NOW INTENDS TO TAKE A TOUGHER STAND. ON HEDNESDAY.

HE WARNED THE NEWS MEDIA ABOUT ADDING TO THE PRESENT POLITICAL.

TENSION. THE PRESIDENT CUT SHORT HIS SPEECH TO A PRO-GONCALVES

DEMONSTRATION THE SAME EVENING BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT FROM THE CROWD.

SEVERAL REPORTS SAY THAT HE ALSO SIGNED THE ORDER FOR SECURITY

FORCES TO OCCUPY THE OFFICES OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST MILITARY AND

PROPAGANDA SERVICE.4

TOP MILITARY LEADERS MET THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON THURSDAY AMED NEW REPORTS THAT COSTA GOMES WOULD REPLACE GONCALVES. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, THE PORTUGUESE RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT MAYY CHIEF OF STAFF AZEVEDO MIGHT SOON SE MAMED PRIME MINISTER BUT SUCH REPORTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING INM LISSON ALL WEEK.4

AS THE CRISIS MRAGS AND COMBALIN MARKERS OF COURT MAR TAKES ON ADDED CREDIBILITY. ECONFIDENTIALLY

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POLITICAL DISSENT COULD INSPIRE PROTESTS THAT MIGHT TEST THE

COMESIVENESS OF SPAIN'S DOMENANT POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCES, P

A TOUGH NEU ANTITERRORIST LAW, APPROVED BY THE CABINET LAST FRIDAY, IMPOSESTAN AUTOMATIC DEATH PENALTY ON ANYONE CONVECTED OF KILLING A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY FORCES. THE LAW ALSO PRESCRIBES THE SAME SENTENCE IN CASES WHERE A KIDNAPING RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF A HOSTAGE. THE DECREE WILL BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO AT LEAST BE ACCUSED TERRORISTS ALREADY UNDER DETENTION.4

THE FIRST TEST OF THE LAG BEGAN ON THURSDAY IN THE TRIAL OF TWO BASQUES CHARGED WITH KILLING A MEMBER OF THE PARAMELITARY CIVIL GUARD. SPANIARDS ARE LIKELY TO COMPARE THE TRIAL WITH THE FAMOUS BURGOS TRIAL OF 1970, IN WHICH SIX BASQUE TERRORISTS HERE SENTENCED TO DEATH. P

FRANCO COMMUTED THELE SENTENCES TO BU YEARS IMPRISONMENT, BUT NOT BEFORE THE VERDICT HAD LED TO UIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS.

INVOLVING STUDENTS, USEKEDS, AND THE CHURCH, AND ASVERSE MEASTICE FROM ABROAD. THE APPAIR ALSO REVEALED SERIOUS DESAGREMENTS AMONG VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE POWER ELITE AS TO THE DERECTION FUTURE.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN SHOULD TAKE. 4

IF A SIMILAR STORM OF PROTEST ARISES THIS TIME, THE STRAIN ON SPAIN'S BULING CIRCLES COULD BE COMPOUNDED BY PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE CASES OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS RECENTLY ARRESTED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

THE ANTITERRORIST LAW'S PROVISION FOR CLOSING HEUSPAPERS THAT
SHOW SYMPATHY FOR THE TERRORISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT THREAT
TO RESORT TO LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PAPERS SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT
FRANCO'S STEPPING DOWN ARE LIKELY TO ADD FUEL TO OPPOSITION PROTESTS
AND FURTHER DIVIDE REGIME SUPPORTERS. THE CURRENT EDITIONS OF THREE
OF SPAIN'S MOST INFLUENTIAL MEEKLY NEWSPAPERS WERE SETZED ON AUGUST
27. THE DAY THE NEW LAW CARE INTO EFFECT.

DIFFERENCES ALREADY EXIST WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE HANDLING OF DISSENT, THE PROPER WAY TO DEAL. WITH TERRORISTS, AND THE GENERAL ADVISABILITY OF LOOSER POLITICAL CONTROLS. THOSE FAVORING A TOUGH APPROACH HAVE SERVING TO BE IN THE ASCENDINGY RECENTLY.

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STAND BY SOME SPANISH LEADERS, SUCH AS PRIME MINISTER ARIAS, WHO ARE SEEKING TO IMPROVE SPAIN'S IMAGE AND WHO BELIEVE THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF POWER IS TO BEGIN NOW TO EASE POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS. ESECRETLY

PORTUGAL SHOWS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN RHETORICAL INTENSITY AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN, BUT DOES NOT DEVELOP ANY NEW POSITIONS.Y

AMPLIFYING EARLIER SOVIET CRITICISM OF WESTERN
INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL, TODAY'S PRAVDA HOTES THAT
THE SOVIET PEOPLE "WATCH WITH ALARM" WESTERN MACHINA—
TIONS IN THE COUNTRY. WESTERN COMPANIES AND ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOW ACCUSED OF MOUNTING A VIRTUAL
ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AGAINST PORTUGAL, PEKING IS ATTACKED
MORE FORCEFULLY. WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHINESE WERE
ACCUSED OF INTERFERING IN ANGOLA AND THE AMORES, THE
LATEST SOVIET ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT THEY ARE ALSO PROTYMO
PRESSURE ON THE POPTUGUESE COMMUNISTS.

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THE SOVIETS STILL SEEM CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH REBUTTING WESTERN CHARGES THAT THEY ARE INTERFERING IN PORTUGAL, RATHER THAN LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR DEEPER INVOLVEMENT. PRAVDA AGAIN CITES THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, RHETORICALLY QUESTIONING WHETHER ALLEGED WESTERN ACTIONS IN PORTUGAL ARE COMPATIBLE WITH CSCE PRINCIPLES, BUT REITERATES THE VIEW THAT PORTUGAL'S FATE SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE PORTUGUESE THEMSELVES.4

THE SOVIETS AGAIN DRAW A PARALLEL BETWEEN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN FORTUGAL AND CONDITIONS IN CHILE BEFORE THE OVERTHROU OF ALLENDER BUT STRIKE A SOMEWHAT MORE DEFIANT MOTE. IN A BROADCAST ON THURSDAY A SOVIET COMMENTATOR ASSERTED THAT "PORTUGAL MUST NOT BE ANOTHER CHILE. " CALLING AGAIN FOR UNITY OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES, HE ADDED A NEW WRENKLE BY WARNING PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES THAT THE SOCIALISTS WILL HOT BE SPARED IF PREACTIONS TRIUMPHS &

WHILE THE COVIETS SEERED SOMEWHAT MORE BELLIT

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GERENT IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILE, THEY MAY HAVE BALANCED
THIS BY SHOUING RELATIVE MODERATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. IN REPORTING THE ALLIANCE THAT THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNISTS HAVE-FORMED MITH SEVEN LEFTIST GROUPS,
THEY DESCRIBED IT AS "SET UP TO ORGANIZE A JOINT
REBUFF TO REACTION" AND HAVE NOT YET REPEATED
CUNHAL'S STATEMENT THAT THE NEW FRONT WOULD CARRY
OUT "OFFENSIVE ACTION" AGAINST GROUPS TO ITS POLITICAL RIGHT. LCONFIDENTIALDY

4. ROMANIA-PORTUGAL: THE ROMANIANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE
A VISIT BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO LISBON, PROBABLY IN EARLY
OCTOBER.4

CEAUSESCU HAS FREQUENTLY TRIED, WITH VARYING SUCCESS, TO INJECT HIMSELF AS AN PHONEST BROKER" INTO COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. THESE VENTURES INTO WORLD DIPLOMACY ENAMICE CEAUSESCH'S PRESTIGE AT HOME AND PROVIDE A USEFUL WAY TO FLAUNT ROMANIA'S INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY COURSE.

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CEAUSESCU APPARENTLY HOPES TO STOP OVER IN
LISBON EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER HIS SCHEDULED VISIT
TO CANADA ON OCTOBER &-ll. PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATS IN
BUCHAREST SAY THAT LISBON IS ATTEMPTING TO PACCOMMODATER THE ROMANIAN LEADER, BUT IT IS TOO
EARLY TO TELL WHETHER THE VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED.

CEAUSESCU'S APPARENT DESIRE TO USE PORTUGAL'S

PROBLEMS TO ENHANCE BUCHAREST'S INTERNATIONAL

STANDING IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE COMMENTARY BY

ROMANIAN MEDIA ON THE CRISIS. THE ROMANIAN PARTY

DAILY'S MOST RECENT EDITORIAL ON THE SITUATION IN

LISBON CONDEMNED ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN PORTU
GUESE AFFAIRS AND WARNED THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST VIO
LENCE WILL ONLY BENEFIT PORTUGUESE RIGHTISTS. WHILE

THIS ECHOES MOSCOM'S RHETORIC, THE EDITORIAL ALSO

STRONGLY LAMENTED THE LACK OF COOPERATION DETIRED

PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS AND COCIALISTS—A LIGHT THAT

WILL SURELY IRK SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS. COOPERATIONS

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5. YUGOZLAVIA: YUGOZLAV FOREIGN MINIZTER MILOZ MINIC OPENED
THE DEBATE AT THE LIMA MEETING OF NONALIGNED FOREIGN
MINIZTERS ON TUESDAY BY TAKING CONTROVERSIAL POSITIONS THAT INCLUDED REJECTION OF ARAB PROPOSALS TO
EXPEL OR EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM THE UN.4

MINIC ARGUED AGAINST THE SYRIAN RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL BY ASSERTING THAT THE UN CHARTER SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN SEEKING ANY SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. HE MADE IT PLAIN, HOUSER, THAT BELGRADE BELIEVES TEL AVIV IS ILLEGALLY OCCUPYING ARAB LAND AND IS THEREBY CONTINUING THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. MINIC RECOMMENDED THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS A USEFUL MEANS OF ACCELERATING A "COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION" TO THE SITUATION. HE ALSO REPEATED YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN FORMING A NONALIGNED GROUP TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. WE

THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES" FOR THIRD WORLD DEVELOP-

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MENT PROJECTS AND CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A SYSTEM OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHO FACE A THREAT TO THEIR SECURITY.

MINIC SAIDTHE HOWALIGNED SHOULD UNITE BEHIND A
YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
OR, FAILING THAT, SUPPORT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE THEME OF DISARMAMENT. (CON-

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D-//LAOS: THE LAO COMMUNISTS OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS MAVE
BEEN IMPLEMENTING A CAREFUL PLAN TO RE-EDUCATE LAO

ARMY OFFICERS WHO DID NOT FLEE THE COUNTRY FOLLOWING

THE COLLAPSE OF THE COALITION. THE OFFICERS, PAR
TICULARLY THOSE WITH PAST CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THE

US, HAVE BEEN HUMILIATED AND MANY HAVE BEEN TRAMS
PORTED TO COMMUNIST TOWNS DEEP IN THE HINTERLANDS

FOR INDOCTRINATION. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY

HAVE BEEN EXECUTED OR PHYSICALLY ABUSED, BUT THE

CONDITIONS IN SOME OF THESE AREAS RESEMBLE CONCEN
TRATION CAMPS.//Y

//IN LATE JUNE AND EARLY JULY MANY LAO ARMY OFFICERS AND SOME CIVILIAN OFFICIALS WERE REQUIRED TO
ATTEND TRAINING SEMINARS AT LOCAL MILITARY FACILITIES
TO LEARN THE NEW "POLITICAL REALITIES." THE EXPERIENCES OF ABOUT 250 OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED A SEMINAR AT CHINAIMO CAMP NEAR VIENTIANE SEEM TYPICAL.
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THE PARTICIPANTS SPENT PART OF THEIR DAY DIGGING

DITCHES, LEARNING HOW TO CONSTRUCT GRASS HUTS, AND

TENDING VEGETABLE PLOTS. THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY

WAS TAKEN UP UITH LECTURES BY PATHET LAO CADRE ON THE

NEW LAO POLITICAL SITUATION. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE,

SOVIET AND CHINESE PERSONNEL ALSO MADE PRESENTATIONS.//Y

OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS TO SAM NEUA, THE PLAIME DES

JARRES, OR ELSEWHERE DEEP UITHIN PARTS OF LAOS LONG

UNDER COMMUNIST DOMINATION. PARTICIPANTS WERE US—

UALLY GIVEN LITTLE NOTICE. THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE

CHINAIMO SEMINAR WERE HUSTLED OUT OF VIENTIANE SO

QUICKLY THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BID FAREWELL

TO THEIR FAMILIES. AS A RESULT OF THESE SWIFT MOVES,

MANY OF THE OFFICERS' WIVES BELIEVE THEY WILL NEVER

SEE THEIR HUSBANDS AGAIN. SEVERAL OFFICERS, WHO WERE

WARNED, MANAGED TO SLIP ACROSS THE RIVER.//Y

//NO OFFICER HAS YET RETURNED FROM THESE SEMINARS
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IN THE HINTERLANDS AND WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF THE PARTICIPANTS. THE SESSIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO LAST FROM TWO TO THREE MONTHS, BUT MOST LAO EXPECT IT TO SE CONSIDERABLY LONGER. ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE LAO OFFICIAL BELIEVES THAT MANY WILL REMAIN FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. HE BELIEVES THAT MOST OF THOSE WHO FULLY GRASP AND ACCEPT THE COMMUNIST TEACHINGS WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE, BUT SOME WILL REMAIN TO WORK AT POSTS IN THE HINTERLANDS.//

COMMUNIST PURPOSES. ONE IMPORTANT GOAL ALMOST CERTAINLY IS TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE OFFICERS WHILE THE REMAINDER OF, THE COALITION IS DEMOLISHED. THE MOVEMENT OF MOST OFFICERS FAR FROM THEIR HOMES PRECLUDES THEIR FLIGHT AND ENSURES THAT THEY WILL NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME ELEMENTS IN VIENTIANE OR ACROSS THE MEKONG IN THAILAND.//Y

//THE COMMUNISTS PROBABLY ALSO HOPE THAT SOME OF

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THE OFFICERS WILL DEMONSTRATE A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN THE NEW ORDER. TECHNICIANS AND CAPABLE
MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE IN
SHORT SUPPLY IN COMMUNIST RANKS. REFORMED OFFICERS
COULD BE PUT TO GOOD USE EITHER IN VIENTIANE OR WITH
COMMUNIST UNITS IN THE BACK COUNTRY. ESECRETARY

P. BURMA: AUTHORITIES IN RANGOON HAVE BEEN ENGAGED
IN A NEW GET-TOUGH CAMPAIGN AGAINST LAWBREAKERS IN RECENT
WEEKS. THE EFFORT, WHICH BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER THE
STUDENT AND LABOR DISTURBANCES LAST JUNE, HAS CENTERED
ON POLITICAL DISSIDENTS AND ECONOMIC CRIMINALS. LAST
MONTH, THE CRACKDOWN WAS BROADENED TO INCLUDE HUNDREDS
OF BAD CHARACTERS?—VAGRANTS, SQUATTERS, AND PETTY
THIEVES.Y

PENALTIES ARE ALSO BECOMING MORE SEVERE. STUDENTS AND WORKERS FOUND GUILTY OF PARTICIPATING IN
THE DISTURBANCES ARE NOW BEING GIVEN STIFFER SENTENCES
THAN THOSE INVOLVED IN SIMILAR DISORDERS LAST YEAR.

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SOME STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED EIGHT-YEAR JAIL TERMS.

WHILE WORKERS GOT UP TO 16 YEARS. EVEN PETTY CRIMI
NALS ARE SUMMARILY SENTENCED TO TERMS OF UP TO SIX

YEARS. AND TRAFFIC LAWS ARE BEING STRICTLY ENFORCED. 4

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION, NEGLECT, AND INDISCIPLINE
HAVE BEEN LEVIED ON SEVERAL HUNDRED LOW LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH THE REGIME NORMALLY TURNS A
BLIND EYE TO BLACK MARKET OPERATIONS, RAIDS HAVE BEEN
MADE ON RANGOON WAREHOUSES, AND NEARLY 100 SMALL
PRIVATE INDUSTRIES IN THE CAPITAL HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR
RESELLING RAW MATERIALS PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT.Y

HARD-LINE ELEMENTS IN THE ARMY APPARENTLY ARE BEHIND THE TOUGH TACTICS. THE MILITARY HAS ADMINISTERED RANGOON DIRECTLY SINCE THE RIOTS LAST DECEMBER, AND SOLDIERS, RATHER THAN POLICE, ARE NOW MAKING HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCHES IN LOWER CLASS SUBURSAN AREAS.
ARMY PATROLS ARE AGAIN STOPPING LONG-HAIRED YOUTHS ON THE STREETS AND GIVING THEM FREE HAIRCUTS, AS THEY

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DID IN DECEMBER.4

THE AUTHORITIES HAD ORIGINALLY ACTED WITH CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT IN DEALING WITH THE MOST RECENT
DISTURBANCES IN RANGOOM. SENIOR OFFICIALS MET WITH
STUDENT AND WORKER GROUPS TO EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S
POLICIES. THE REGIME HAS BEEN UNWILLING OR UNABLE.
HOWEVER. TO COME UP WITH NEW SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE
BURMA'S UNDERLYING ECONOMIC ILLS. AND AUTHORITIES
APPARENTLY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THEY MUST USE FORCE
TO KEEP THE SITUATION FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND.

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//CHILE: SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MILITARY OFFICERS
IN CHILE ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT PRESIDENTPPINOCHET IS PLACING
TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDGMENTS OF A SHALL GROUP OF EXTREMELY
CONSERVATIVE ADVISORS. THE TOTALITARIAN VIEWS OF THIS GROUP
APPARENTLY HAVE HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON DECISIONS MADE RECENTLY IN
THE JUNTA'S NAME.//Y

THAT CIVILIAN ADVISER JAIME
GUZMAN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PERSUADING THE PRESIDENT TO ADOPT
POLICIES LIKE THE CANCELLATION OF A VISIT TO SANTIAGO OF THE UN
HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY GROUP THAT SUBSEQUENTLY AROUSED STRONG CRITICISM
OF THE REGIME AT HOME AND ABROAD. RESEMTHENT OF THE POWER ARROGATED
BY GUZMAN IS SHARED BY GENERAL LEIGHT-A KEY JUNTA MEMBER- WHO BLAMES
EUZMAN FOR INFLUENCING PINOCHET TO CANCEL THE VISIT.//

THAT GUZHAN IS

NAMEUVERING TO EXERT TIGHTER CONTROL OVER THE MEWS MEDIA IN CHILE.

GUZHAN IS SAID TO BE RIGIDLY OPPOSED TO A FREE PRESS AND EAGER TO

CLAMP HORE RESTRICTIVE CONTROLS OVER IT. PINOCHET MAY YET HEED

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THE WARNINGS OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE MORE REPRESSIVE MEASURES.//Y

//PINOCHET SEERS TO BELIEVE HIS OWN FREQUENT ASSERTIONS
THAT THE REGIME HAS STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT. THIS CONFIDENCE IS
BASED ON OPINION POLLS AND ON CAREFULLY ARRANGED VISITS TO AREAS
OUTSIDE SANTIAGO. HE ONLY GRUDGINGLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE SERIOUSNESS
OF CHILE'S ECONOMIC PLIGHT AND THE DISCONTENT CAUSED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S HEAVY-HANDED SECURITY ACTIONS.//Y

//FOR THE MOST PART, PINOCHET SEEMS TO LISTEN ONLY TO WHAT HE WANTS TO HEAR, AND HIS CLOSEST COLLABORATORS ARE PROBABLY PLAYING ON THIS TENDENCY.//

//THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT A PUBLIC GESTURE TOWARD RELAXING ITS STAND ON HURAN RIGHTS IS LONG OVERDUR. AND WE HAVE FIRM REPORTS THAT MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN PINOCHET BELIVERS AN ADDRESS ON SEPTEMBER 31. THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW.//Y

//ALLEVIATION OF THE STATE OF SIEGE RESTRICTIONS AND A SHIFT OF JUDICIAL AUTHORITY FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN COURTS ARE DISTENCT POSSIBILITIES.//Y

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//SO FAR. HOWEVER. THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS READY TO OBSERVE THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LE
LETTER OF ITS OWN LAWS. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT LOOKS THE OTHER
WAY WHEN SECURITY FORCES IGNORE THE LAW. {SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEND//
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